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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Geoff Grindrod, Oto Slavos, Saigiridhar	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Kodali, and Clinton Hallman	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)
Application No. 09/853,360	:	
Filed: May 10, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. NETAP012	:	
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	:	
CUSTOMIZING AND PROCESSING	:	
BUSINESS LOGIC RULES IN A	:	
BUSINESS PROCESS SYSTEM	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)¹, filed May 10, 2001. The Office regrets the extreme delay in issuing this decision.

On May 10, 2001, the application was deposited, identifying Geoff Grindrod, Oto Slavos, Saigiridhar Kodali, and Clinton Hallman as joint inventors. A declaration that was executed by each of the joint inventors save Clinton Hallman was included on filing.

With the instant petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, a statement of facts, and a copy of a letter which was sent to the non-signing inventor.

Petitioner has met requirements (1) and (3) – (5) above. Requirement (2) does not apply.

¹A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) requires:

- (1) the petition fee of \$130;
- (2) a surcharge of either \$65 or \$130 if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.16(e);
- (3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventors;
- (4) either
 - a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or
 - b) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort;
- (5) a declaration which complies with 37 CFR §1.63.

The petition is **GRANTED** and this application is hereby accorded Rule §1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Publications for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. Questions pertaining to this application should be directed towards the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8497.



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LETTER

Dear Mr. Hallman:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application.

Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, the attorney of record below would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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